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1. On 1 November the Soviet tanker KAANIPEDD, of about 12,000 tons, was moored alongside the Kungp'ing Road (0364/1627/6424) Wharf. The ship was unarmed and had a grey hull, a red bottom, and a half-cheese radar on the foremast. 25X1 She was riding very high and was slightly down at the stern. The upper third of a screw was visible. Several rolls of cargo matting were on deck. At 1900 hours on 3 November 1954 a vessel, possibly the KAANIPPED, was riding much lower with the cargo lights lit at the same wharf. The vessel appeared to be loading cargo. This dock is not usually used for the discharging of oil.

Comment. The identity of this vessel may be in error. It is possible that she was mistaken for the KLAIPEDA, a Soviet tanker launched at a Baltic port about a year ago.

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